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1. [redacted] In connection with the request of Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, Fred Dutton, that a CIA representative accompany Sterling Cottrell, of State, to a briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the shrimp boat attack, I advised Mr. Arthur Wexler, in Dutton's office, that we had looked into the matter carefully and that for his information the information we were getting was through the Operations Center at the Pentagon and, therefore, we would have no additional information which has not already been made available to Cottrell. I added we had been in touch with Don Henderson, of the Committee staff, and that he had indicated that in view of the ad hoc nature of this meeting, it would not be necessary for us to have someone present. I told Wexler that while we were willing to be of assistance it did not appear that our presence would add anything to this particular meeting. Wexler accepted this.

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8. [] Fred Dutton called at about 10:30 advising that Senate Foreign Relations Committee had asked for a State and CIA witness to brief the Committee at 2:30 on the details of the MIG attack on the shrimp boat. State was sending Cottrell and Dutton further advised this had been checked out with McGeorge Bundy in the White House who approved.

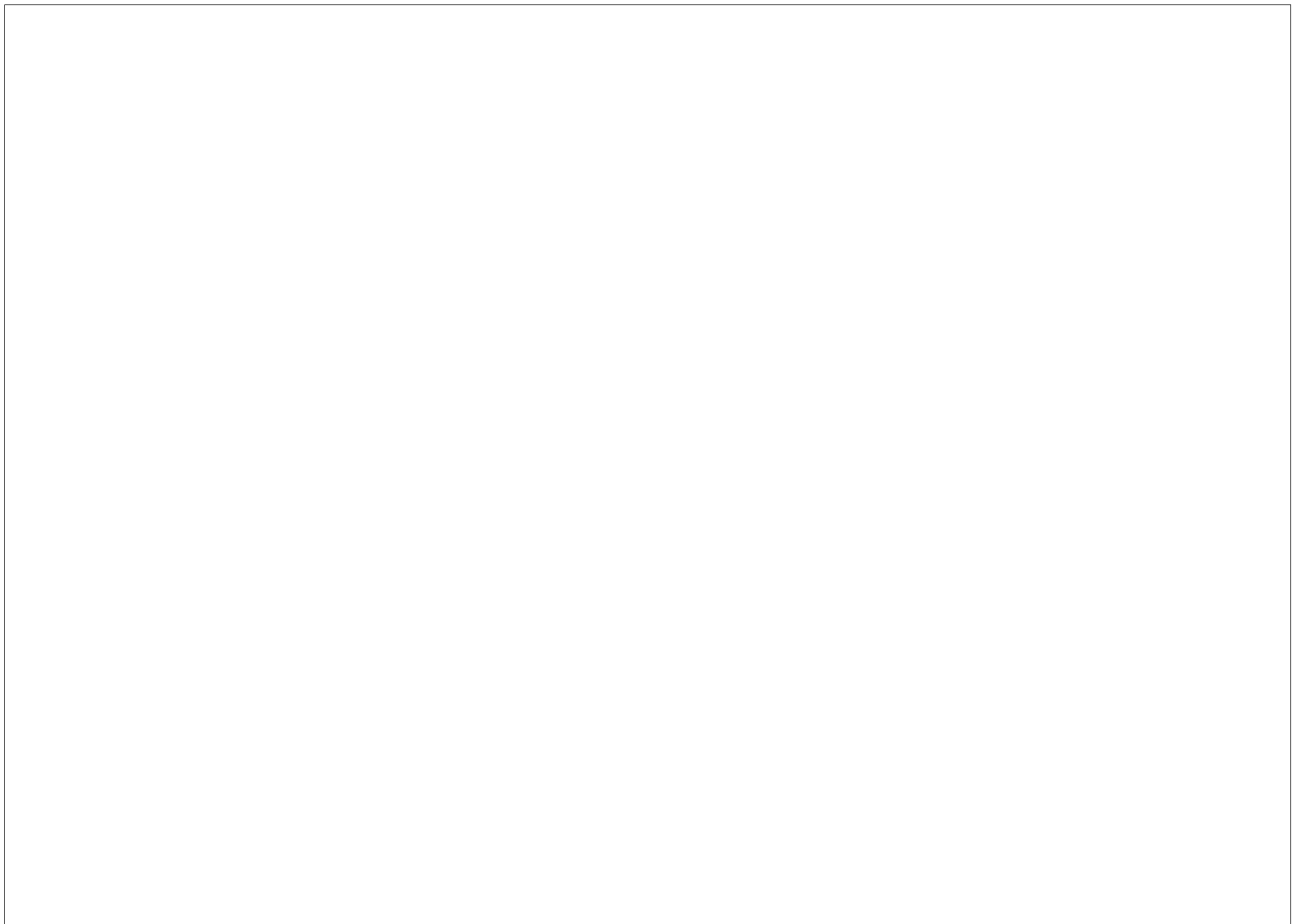
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10. [] I received back from Mr. James Kendall, Chief Counsel, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, the transcripts of the hearings of 6 and 7 February and arranged with Mr. Kendall to make them available to the Committee by courier delivery and returned to the Agency on 22 February.

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